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Wave Of Indignation Over Mishra's Death

New Delhi, Jan 14 (UNI): A wave of indignation has passed over the country following the death of India's Railway Minister, L.N. Mishra.

Mr. Mishra had sustained injuries, d escribed at first as "not serious," in a bomb blast on the dais from which he had just inaugurated a new railway line between Samastipur and Muzafarpur at Samastipur station in Bihar (his home state) January 2 evening. Over twenty-five other people were also injured in the blast, th ree of whom died later.

Also injured was Dr. Jagannath Mishra, Bihar Minister for Irrigation, and L.N. Mishra's brother. Dr. Mishra is being "kept" unconscious by the doctors attending on him as they feel he may not be able to stand the shock of his brother's death.

Following the injury, L.N. Mishra was taken by a special train to Danapur Hospital in Patna. An X-ray had revealed the presence of some metal splinters in Mr. Mishra's abdomen, and he was operated upon for six hours in the early hours of January 3.

According to the surgeons at tending Mr. Mishra, his death came follo ing "cardiac arrest" soon after the abodmen had been stitched at the end of the operation to remove a splinter lodged near his heart. "Perforation of the intestines causing shock" resulted in the cardiac arrest.

The Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi held the forces of disruption t hat have come to the fore in the country lately responsibly for the death of Mr. Mishra. She hoped that this 'dastardly act" would "induce rethinking in the country and redirect political life along saner lines."

Other eminent leaders in the Government and in the Opposition parties have voiced similar feelings.

Certain members of the Opposition and Jayaprakash Narayan, who is currently leading the Bihar movement, have demanded a probe into the whole incident which led to the death of Mr. Mishra.

Meanwhile, the Bihar Government has started a Central Bureau of Investigation inquiry into the incident. Several people have already been held for questioning.

The whole country observed countrywide mourning January 4 in memory of Mr. Mishra.

Indo - Canadian Talks Inconclusive

New Delhi, Jan. 14 (UNI): The Canadian Prime Minister's Political Adviser, Ivan Head left here January 7 after five days of inconclusive talks with Indian Officials on the continuation of Canadian assistance of nuclear material and equipment to India.

Mr. Head, who had several rounds of talks with the Foreign Secretary, Kewal Singh and the Secretary to the Prime Minister, P.N. Dhar on nuclear matters and bilateral economic and political matters rounded off his talks with a call on the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi January 6 evening.

According to informed sources, the two sides failed to reach agreement on certain important matters and the talks would continue in Ottawa some time this year.

Canada had suspended shipments of nuclear equipment to India for the Rajasthan and Madras Atomic Power Reactors, now under construction, following India's underground nuclear explosion on May 18.

Discussions between Kewal Singh and the Canadian Government in Ottawa in July on the Nuclear question did not lead to any settlement as both sides stuck to their known positions on the question of development of nuclear energy, including explosion of nuclear devices for peaceful purposes.

Eradicate Poverty: Indira Tells Scientists

New Delhi, Jan 14 (UNI). The Sixty-Second Session of the Indian Science Congress opened here with a fervent appeal by the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi to the scientific community to help eradicate the country's poverty by finding "quick solutions to our urgent problems."

Inaugurating the session, attended by nearly 3000 delegates including 50 foreign scientists, Mrs. Gandhi also appealed to scientists to help India maintain "true independence of judgement, of decision, and of action."

Mrs. Gandhi wanted them to make a large-scale effort in the development of "low-cost, low-risk, labour-intensive and ecologically beneficial kinds of technology" and offered them Government support in this regard.

Mrs. Gandhi warned the nation of the "forces of violence and disruption" at work in the country.

She said "Every conscientious citizen must consider what these can lead to. In the face of international danger and at our critical stage of development any dislocation, far from producing a new foundation will weaken us and slow down progress and jeopardise our future."

The Prime Minister said the impact of the oil crisis and the erratic weather conditions had shown that in certain sectors of the economy "we have to move beyond the approach of -self-reliance and strive increasingly for self-sufficiency."

Mrs. Gandhi wanted scientists to help increase agricultural and industrial production, develop alternative sources of energy, find better family planning methods and improve communications.

The Prime Minister's appeal found strong support from the President of India Science Congress, Mrs. Asima Chatterjee, the first-ever woman Science Congress President--who also urged scientists to devote attention to immediate problems of the country.

Science Congress Concludes

New Delhi, Jan. 14 (UNI): The 62nd session of the Indian Science Congress under the auspices of the Indian National Science Academy concluded in the capital January 7.

Dr. H.N. Sethna, Chairman of the Indian Atomic Energy Commission, was elected President of the Indian Science Congress session to be held in 1977.

The President of the Congress session for 1976 will be Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, Director-General of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research.

Meanwhile, at a discussion held at the Congress it was felt that Indian scientists are unable to make any worthwhile contribution to scientific research because of strangulating bureaucratic attitude, petty politics and lack of suitable openings in the country.

A participant felt that because of bitter frustration, Indian scientists were forced to seek their fortunes abroad even though they, with their patriotic zeal, wanted to serve their motherland. The present brain-drain could not be stemmed without formulating a meaningful policy to encourage scientists.

It was stated that India could become economically strong only through building a powerful scientific and technological base.

Oil Find

NEW DELHI Jan 16 India, one of the nations hardest hit by rising petroleum prices, has announced discovery of an undersea oil field that jubilant officials predict will save millions of dollars in imports. The oil lies about 80 miles northwest of Bombay in a seabed called Bombay High. The Indian Oil and Natural Gas Commission expects the field will turn out 75 million barrels a year within four years. India spent about $1.5-billion in 1974 to import more than 110 million barrels of petroleum, chiefly from Iran, Iraq and Saudi Arabia. The total represented about half the nation's foreign exchange earnings.

Excellent Performance In Exports

New Delhi, Jan 7 UNI There has been a 41 per cent increase in India's exports in the first half of the current financial year compared to the corresponding period last year.

The figure stood at Rs. 1,5180 million $2024 million while it was Rs. 1,0750 million 1433.3 million last year.

Exports of engineering and textiles goods accounted for 37 per cent of the increase in the first quarter.

The provisional figures of India's trade in merchandise by sea, air and land on private and government account during September this year were Rs. 2532.4 million (1337.65 million) of imports.

Meanwhile a survey of India's imports in 1972-73 prepared by the World Trade Department of the Indian Chamber of Commerce has shown there was an increase in the unit value of imports of the order of fifty per cent in cereals and cereal preparations, 26 per cent in raw wool, 13 per cent in raw cotton, 12.5 per cent in fertilisers and 23 per cent in tubes and pipes.

The survey said imports from Africa, ECAFE countries, East Europe, European Common market and European free trade area registered an increase during the year. Imports from African regional increased from 7.9 per cent in 1971-72 to 9.1 per cent in 1972-73 mainly from Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia while imports from the United Arab Republic declined. Imports from ECAFE area went up from 19.8 to 21.6 per cent chiefly from Australia, Afghanistan, Japan, Malaysia and Thailand.

Total imports from east Europe increased from 11.5 to 12.2 per cent mostly from Czechoslovakia, Soviet Union and Yugoslavia. Imports from Soviet Union went up from Rs. 873.2 million (116.43 million) in 1971-72 Rs. 1057.2 million 140.96 million) in 1972-73, but imports from other east European countries like East Germany, Bulgaria and Poland fell sharply.

In the case of European free trade area, India's imports from the United Kingdom went up from Rs. 2208.1 million 294.41 million) to Rs. 2254.8 million 300.64 million) but imports from the United States and Canada fell from Rs. 4186.9 million 558.25 million) to Rs. 2245.9 million 229.45 million) and from Rs. 1133.3 million 151.11 million to Rs. 1050.9 million 140.11 million) respectively during the year.

B.K.D. To Merge In Congress

New Delhi, Jan 8 (UNI): The Bharatiya Kranti Dal, led by M.S. Oberoi, member of Parliament, decided to merge in Indian National Congress.

Mr. Oberoi told a news conference that Congress President, D.K. Borooah has agreed to admit all BKD members into Congress.

He said the party has four members in Parliament, six in the Uttar Pradesh Assembly, one member of a Legislative Assembly and one member of Legislative Council in Maharashtra.

The BKD led by Mr. Oberoi had remained as a separate unit when the BKD led by Charan Singh merged itself into the newly-formed Bharatiya Kranti Dal in August.

Smugglers Barred From Moving Courts

New Delhi, Jan 6 (UNI): The President of India has re-issued the order preventing those detained for smuggling activity or violations of foreign exchange regulations from exercising their fundamental right to move courts for legal remedy.

The original order was issued on November 16 and was applicable to those detained under the amended Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA) ordinance.

The ordinance had been replaced by a new legislation known as the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of Smuggling Act, and so the November 16 order had to be re-issued.

All pending proceedings in any court for the enforcement of the aforesaid rights would also remain suspended.

The order will remain in force for six months or till the end of the emergency, whichever is earlier.

A larger number of smugglers who were released by High Courts all over the country have already been re-arrested following the new Act, which stipulates that the Home Secretary to the State Government would be the detaining authority.

Over 500 smugglers had been arrested all over the country under the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), since the act was promulgated in the form of an Ordinance on September 17, 1974.

The Ordinance was promulgated by the Government to get more powers to deal with the smuggling menace. The MISA was promulgated for a maximum period of two years, and it empowers the Government to detain anyone (including foreigners) indulging in smuggling, abetting or helping in smuggling goods upto a period of one year without trial and for a further period of two years after obtaining the opinion of an advisory board. Hitherto, smuggling was not covered under this act.

Price Hike Continues Despite Gov. Measures

Bangalore, Jan 10 (UNI): All the anti-inflationary measures introduced by the Government of India since July 1974 have failed to curb the price hike of essential commodities or bring any relief to the common man, according to the Indian Institute of Socio-Economic Studies here.

The Institute's finding was based on a study on the price behaviour of 25 essential commodities, including cereals, pulses, oil, and oilseeds, in the Bangalore Retail Market during July-November 1974.

In its report, the Institute said the whole effect of the measures was on savings, and not on consumption.

The Government measures, including the Ordinances on additional dearness allowance, profits on share-holding, compulsory deposit by those having an annual income of more than Rs. 15,000 ($2,000), increase in the bank rates and tax on bank's interest rates, aimed at curtailing money supply and withdrawing part of the money already in supply. This was supposed to reduce the purchasing power of the consumers resulting on easing of the pressure on wage goods.

The report said the main causes of inflation were corruption at all stages and declining growth of industrial production, black market operated by black money and an inefficient public distribution system and procurement policy.

Coupled with this, the ever-increasing cost of industrial raw materials and under-utilisation of the industrial capacity, resulting in lower productivity and production, have also contributed substantially to the present galloping inflation, it said.

Hinduism, A Way Of Life

Cochin, Dec. 29 (UNI): Is Hinduism a religion or a way of life? Obviously a way of life according to a Kerala High Court. The High Court ruled that Hinduism being a way of life, any person who accepts that way of life is a Hindu and he shall not be prohibited from entering a Hindu temple.

Justice T. Chandrasekhara Menon gave this ruling while rejecting a writ petition filed by the Secretary, Devaswom Committee of Shri Bhagawati Temple, Alleppey, challenging the validity of an order passed by the Travancore Devaswom Board permitting Jesudas, noted Malayalam playback singer, a Catholic by birth, to conduct a music concert in the premises of the temple in 1972.

The petitioner had contended that the impugned order violated Section three of Hindu Places of public Worship (Authorisation of Entry) Act 1965, since it allowed a non-Hindu to enter the temple.

Dismissing the contention, Mr. Justice Menon observed that Jesudas had declared that he was a believer in Hinduism also and as long as the declaration was not challenged as Malafide, it had to be taken that Jesudas had accepted the Hindu approach to God. He must, therefore be considered as a Hindu.

Late Pregnancy And Retardation

Calcutta, Jan 10 (UNI): Late pregnancy is one of the major causes of mental retardation of children, according to Dr. B.N. Roy, Vice-President of the Federation for the Welfare of the Mentally Retarded, (India).

Dr. Roy, who has been studying the causes of mental deficiency and defective speech among children, has listed "excessive smoking and drinking" by expectant mothers as vital causes for mental retardation of their children.

He has told newsmen that over-medication and repeated X-ray to detect pregnancy were playing a disastrous role in increasing number of mentally retarded children now-a-days in the country.

Dr. Roy said measles during pregnancy was a positive cause for mental retardation.

Rupee Value Falls

Since the advent of independence (1947), the Indian rupee (13.3 cents) has been devalued by nearly a quarter, and is now worth no more than 27.6 paise (3.68 cents).

Admitting this fact, the Finance Minister, C. Subramaniam told the Rajya Sabha, that the Government would attempt to prevent further devaluation.

He said the value of the rupee fell from 79.5 paise (10.6 cents) in 1961 to 43.4 paise ($.79 cents) in 1971 and further fell to 27.6 paise (3.68 cents) in January-October 1974.

This value was, as measured by the All India industrial workers consumer price index base 1949-100).

He agreed that the real wages of the people had not increased, because inflation had eroded the effects of any wage increase.

Though the gross national product (GNP) had increased, the population increase had overtaken it.

Vajpayee Not To Resign

New Delhi, Jan 10 (UNI): The Central Parliamentary Board of the Bharatiya Jana Sangh had declined to allow A.B. Vajpayee, party leader in Parliament, to resign his seat in the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament, as desired by him, according to a party press release here.

Mr. Vajpayee had announced his decision to resign from Parliament as he was disillusioned with democracy.

Over 700 Held

Calcutta, Jan 6 (UNI): Over 700 persons had been held so far throughout the country under the new Foreign Exchange Conservation and Prevention of Smuggling Act, the Minister of State for Finance, Pranab Kumar Mukherji.

Mr. Mukherji, who arrived here from Delhi, told newsmen the drive had made its impact felt in a "substantial reduction" in smuggling. Reports from Dubai and Hong Kong indicated that stocks of goods which would otherwise have been smuggled into India were getting accumulated there.

Haskar On Foreign Policy

New Delhi, Jan 6 (UNI): A mutually beneficial relationship between India and China is possible in five to ten years time. This optimism was expressed by P.N. Haksar, former Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, while delivering the concluding Sardar Patel Memorial lecture on India's Foreign Policy.

In a seasoned defence of India's foreign policy, Mr. Haksar, one of the important policy-makers at the time of the India-Pakistan conflict in 1971 said that if India had recognised the Mujibur Rahman government in Bangladesh in March under internal pressure, the country would have been defeated. By showing patience, India was able to convince the world opinion to the reality of the situation.

Indians Honoured

New Delhi, Jan 6 (UNI): Reports have come from all parts of the country and abroad of Indians achieving foreign honours and awards.

India's national professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji was awarded a gold medal by the Asiatic Society of Bangladesh and its 22nd annual meeting in Dacca this month.

Young Bombay artise N.V. Nagwekar has won the second prize of 20,000 French francs for his design of a postage stamp in the International Stamp Design Competition.

Mr. Nagwekar (20) is a final year student of the J.J. School of Applied Arts, Bombay.

Mrs. Surinder Kaur, a noted singer of Hindi and Punjabi songs, has been selected for the Dilgir Award for 1973 in recognition of her services in the field of music.

The award was instituted by a United States psychologist, Dr. Janmeja Singh after H.S. Dilgir for his contribution in the field of literature, culture and theatre in

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Overtime pay at time and one-half the regular rate for hours in excess of forty-four in a week.

Equal Benefits
The Equal Benefits provision will be brought into force at a later date.

Pregnancy Leave
Pregnancy leave is extended to seventeen weeks for employees with one year's service or more and covers all employers having one or more employees.

Transportation
The Act no longer requires an employer to provide transportation for female employees finishing or starting work between the hours of midnight and six o'clock in the forenoon or prohibits females under 18 working after midnight.

These are the principal amendments and changes to the Act.

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Haskar, Deputy Chairman Of Planning Commission

New Delhi, Jan 14 (UNI): The President of India has appointed P.N. Haksar, former Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister, as Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission, with effect from the date he assumes charge of the office.

Mr. Haksar took charge immediately.

The appointment of Mr. Haksar comes close on the heels of the Prime Minister's decision to assume charge of the Planning portfolio, which fell vacant due to the resigna tion of D.P. Dhar last month. Mrs. Gandhi is Chairman of the Commission.

Mr. Dhar is expected to get a diplomatic assignment in the Soviet Union.

The appointment of P.N. Haksar marks his retura to active life from retirement.

Born in a Kashmiri Brahmin family at Gujaranwala, now in Pakistan, on September four, 1913, Mr. Haksar acquired a bachelor's degree in science and then went to England.

Mr. Haksar joined service in the External Affairs Ministry in October 1947 as Officer on Special Duty. He was appointed Secretary to the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi after 21 years in diplomatic service. He remained so till he retired on September four, 1971, on completion of 58 years.

He was re-employed as Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister. Mr. Haksar has been responsible for the organisation of the Prime Minister's secretariat in the present form.

Before joining the Prime Minister's secretariat, he was Deputy High Commissioner to the United Kingdom. He was High Commissioner to Nigeria during 1960-62 and Ambassador to Austria during 1964-65.

Foodgrain Scarcity Marginal

New Delhi, Jan 8 (UNI): The Government of India December 18 refuted the feeling being created abroad that India is facing a large food-grains scarcity.

The Ministry of State for Agriculture, A.P. Shinde told the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament, that there was a marginal shortage and the country would have bumper crops if there were good rains.

The Government has also not finalised the deal for purchasing 300,000 tonnes of wheat from the United States on long-term credit as stated by the United States Ambassador, Daniel Patrick Moynihan, at a press conference here Mr. Shinde said.

Indian Doctors Close To Diabetes Cure

New Delhi, Jan 10 (UNI): Studies by a team of Indian medical researchers tend to explode the fifty-year old theory that insulin defici is the sole cause of diabetes.

The leading international journal of advanced science, "Nature" in its latest issue reports without comment the pioneering results of research work on a possible non-endocrinal cause of diabetes carried out By Dr. R.N. Banerjee and his colleagues of the Department of Haematology and Nuclear Medicine, Safdarjang Hospital here.

According to the report, this is the first experimental evidence, since the discovery of insulin, of production of diabetes mellitus by

Know How Exports Possible

New Delhi, Jan 6 (UNI): India is in a position now to export know-how for construction of buildings, particularly of pile foundations used in unstable soil, according to Prof. Dinesh Mohan, Director of Central Building Research Institute, Roorkee.

Prof. Dinesh Mohan, who was recently elected Vice-President of the International Body of Building Researchers, told UNI that his Institute had established contacts in Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya, and Jordan for providing consultancy services for various types of buildings.

He said India was the first to develop under-reamed pile foundations.

Prof. Mohan said India could sell the know-how for cheap construction of buildings to developing countries by establishing consultancy services. These countries would be willing to accept Indian know-how because in this field India had now established itself as one of

Fifth In Silk Production

New Delhi, Jan 14 (UNI): India has the distinction of producing all the four known types of commercial silks: mulberry, tasar, muga and eri.

So far as the famed golden-coloured muga silk is concerned, India enjoys world monopoly in production, while it ranks second among tasar silk producers.

With an annual output of 3,000 tonnes as against the global production of 40,000 tonnes, India ranks fifth among the silk producing countries, according to the Central Silk Board Chairman, S. Municaju.

Ambitious Export Plan Outlined

New Delhi, Jan 6 (UNI): India's Commerce Minister, D.P. Chattopadhyaya has outlined an "ambitious" scheme to increase India's exports by over cent per cent in the next five years.

Presiding over the Advisory Council on Trade here, Mr. Chattopadhyaya said this order of increase in exports would be warranted not only on account of the pace of global inflation over the past few years, but also to optimise the allocation of resources between production for domestic consumption and export production.

This would also accelerate the multiplier effect on allocations in sectors which would maximise the rate of growth of the economy through incomes derived from international trade.

Mr. Chattopadhyaya felt that if the export targets were stepped up the country could not only wipe out the foreign exchange gap but also national budget gaps

New Party In Goa

Panaji, Dec. 19 (UNI): A new political party, which stands for Goa's autonomy by discarding the present status of the union (centrally-administered) territory has been formed under the chairmanship of leading freedom

Announcing the manifesto of the party, known as the New Goa Party, Mr. D'Souza, said Goa must have a free port and the autonomy meant doing away with the "subservient status."

The new party wanted Konkani to be included in the Eighth schedule of the Indian Constitution.

Corporation To Sue Yogi

Lucknow, Jan 14 (UNI): The Lucknow Municipal Corporation might shortly sue Balyogeshwar Mahesh Yogi, the head of the Divine Light Mission, for smearing city walls with his slogans.

According to Corporation Administrator R.R. Shah, no permission had been obtained for this publicity. A bill for Rs. 100,000 ($13,333) was being sent to the office of the Balyogeshwar and if it was not paid, he would be prosecuted, and his Hardwar (in Uttar Pradesh) property attached.

Balyogeshwar presently resides in the United States.

Legislator Arrested

Chandigarh, Jan. 14 (UNI): The Punjab Akali Dal legislator and former Minister of State, Satnam Singh Bajwa was arrested under the Conservation of Foreign Exchange and Prevention of smuggling

Indo-Iran Joint Committee Set Up

New Delhi, Jan 14 (UNI): An Indo-Iranian Joint Committee would be set up to recruit engineers and technicians from India to help Iran's industrial development and mechanisation of agriculture.

This was agreed to during discussions between the visiting Iranian delegation on joint economic cooperation and industry, and the Civil Supplies Minister, T.A. Pai here.

Mr. Pai assured the Iranian delegation about Indian capabilities in the industrial and technological spheres. India would be able to provide engineers and technicans for the heavy engineering industries and power plants. The establishment of heavy industrial units and power plants on a turn-key basis could also be taken up. He also offered to skend Indian experts to train unskilled Iranian labour.

Mr. Pai told the Iranian delegation that Iranian students could receive training in Indian engineering and technological institutes, while practical training could be provided in industrial plants in this country.

Sanskrit Derived From Tamil

Madras, Jan 6 UNI The Tamil Nadu Governor, K.K. Shah contends that the Sanskrit language is a revised edition of Tamizh.

Inaugurating a seminar on the late Dr. M. Varadarajan and his works here recently, Mr. Shah said that the concept of Dravidian languages spoken in southern India, being Scythian, was not correct and a careful examination of alphabets of Tamil and Sanskrit provided demonstrative proof of Sanskrit being a revised version of Tamil spoken in Tamil Nadu.

He referred to Dr. Varadarajan's thesis on the evolution of the word Dravida — Thamizh became Thamila, Dramila, Dramida, Drabida and ultimately Dravida — and said the fact that the Tamil language maintained its identity in its vast literature without borrowing much from other languages proves my contention that Sanskrit in the final analysis is a revised edition of Tamizh.

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In a democratic type of society such as ours in Canada, it is important for the people to take an active part in developing feasible policy options for the kind of society they want to live in. In this context the Canadian government's Green Paper on Immigration and population that will be published shortly is an important document that deserves (or even demands) attention. This is particularly so since certain racial elements in this society have now surfaced and have been vociferously organising themselves to see that future immigration (if any) to Canada should be restricted to whites only.

Whether Canadian Government would in fact yield to the white racists depends upon the will of the "people of Canada" of which our readers in Canada are a part. However, it is not sure whether this is fully realized or not. Since we are part of the "Canadian public" - a highly educated and high income group - we should play our legitimate role in forming public opinion in favour of a non-racist and fair immigration policy. This can be done in many ways. Submitting briefs to ministers, members of parliament etc., communicating our concerns to those who operate in the corridors of power, writing letters to the editor in newspapers, taking part in discussions on the topic in TV and radio broadcasts are among the suggestions that could be offered.

Another effective technique is to joint service clubs and other organizations that will be submitting briefs to the Government, solicited or unsolicited on this issue. By becoming an insider in these organizations it will be easier to influence their briefs on the topic. Service clubs that operate in your cities and towns such as Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis, Optimists etc. or organizations such as civil rights organizations, Canadian Council of Christians and Jews (and Hindus, Moslems and Buddhists and...), citizenship associations, community groups etc. etc. may be mentioned.

In anticipation of an open discussion on the topic of immigration and population it will be useful if the members of the Indian community joined some organizations other than their own ethnic association in order to try to exercise their full and equal rights as responsible members of the Canadian Public.

Letters

Awake And Act

This has reference to your editorial in your issue dated December 5, 1974, 'Awake and Act'.

I believe, like myself other Canadian of Indian descent and Indians must be concerned by the rising tide of criticism directed against us. To a certain extent, may be some of our uneducated and no-so-privileged brethern are responsible for this on account of their misconduct and ignorance of proper behaviour. Also the illegal immigrants have not projected a good image. I hope something will be done by concerned individuals and associations.

I cannot understand the suggestion of restricting immigration of Indians.

M.P.Biyani, Montreal.

On behalf of the India League of America in Chicago, I would like to respond to your editorial "Awake and Act" in your newspaper of December 5, 1974.

Instances of discrimination are evidenced by all groups who have immigrated to a new country be it U.S. or Canada or any other country of the world. People are branded not because of their colour, or hair or eyes, though it may seem so, but because they have not individually and collectively, successfully achieved the process of acculturaltion, so as to be able to integrate with the population of the country. Every possible help is necessary. This led to the creation and formation of the India League of America by some very prominent, successful, and leading Indians settled in the U.S.

The India League of America is a service-oriented, nonprofit organisation formed in 1972 in response to an urgent and strong need to establish a better understanding between Indians and Americans, and to create a cohesive community of Indians who had made or are in the process of making their homes in the U.S. It was also felt that there was a need for an all-encompassing organisation which by transcending religious and language barriers could provide an opportunity to share common bonds and experiences. It was also felt that a cohesive group could help improve Indo-American relations and express appreciation to those individuals and institutions that have strived to strengthen bonds between people and their two countries.

We agree with you, in that, it is very essential to work with cooperation and solidarity "to improve our image here" and work in a "dedicated action" so necessary for "one's own sake and for one's progeny's sake". The India League has made a beginning. Are t here others who will follow?

Mrs. Mabel Moses,
Editor, News and Views, Chicago.

M.S. University Silver Jubilee

The oldest university of Gujarat State, India, the Maharaja Syajirao University of Baroda, India was founded in 1949. During the course of its development from the initial stages of a city college (the Baroda College prior to 1949) with onbly 3,000 student enrollment, it has now grown to almost 18,000 students. Not only is it the oldest university of Gujarat State, but it's half a dozen learned institutions (like the Oriental Institute and the Fine Arts College) are reputed all over the world for their excellent publications, research and high standard of learning. In its initial stages some such well-known scholars and thinkers as Acharya Vinobha Bhave (founder of the Bhudan Movement) and Aurobindo Ghose (the philosopher who founded the Ashrama at Pondicherry) were also associated with it.

Although its past achievements are impressive, the Baroda University is facing a formidable future because of lack of funds from the grants-in-aid sources and because of the ever increasing demands of expansion. The University is finding it difficult to maintain even its present modest level of services and high standard of education because of lack of sufficient funds and its increasing indebtedness to the banks. Due to inflation and the steep rise in the cost of materials, equipment and services in the last few years, it would be very difficult for the University to survive, much less undertake new tasks and challenges. To maintain its present level of services and standards, the University would now need at least $625,000 more than what it receives in fees and state and federal funds. The State of Gujarat has had famines and natural disasters during the past two years, and hence it is not in a position to increase its grants substantially for at least a few years. The federal government likewise is facing its own financial problems because of high energy prices and a chronic balance of trade problem, and therefore is unable to meet the demands of increasing funds for the universities. The Baroda University authorities have therefore decidaed to make a general appeal for funds to its alumni as well as to their friends and to those who have an active interest in the higher education in India. Not only will the University need $625,000 in the near future but, in order to keep up with the demands of expansion, it must raise another $1,300,000 so that new classrooms, laboratories, offices, student dormitories, common rooms and, above all, a Cultural Center can be built.

The Vice-Chancellor of the University, N.K. Vakil, has appointed one of the alumni, Professor Vithalbhai I. Patel, an Associate Professor and a Research Physicist in the Department of Physics, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, 80210, as the Convener of a Central Committee in the U.S. and Canada to raise funds for the University. Vice-Chancellor Vakil hopes that all the alumni, their friends, and well-wishers of the Baroda University will contribute generously to its Silver Jubilee Fund. For more information or contribution (please make checks payable to the Registrar, M.S. University of Baroda --Silver Jubilee Fund) get in touch with Professor V.L. Patel, 4, Queens Court, Agincourt, Ontario, M1T-2J5, in Canada or with Professor V.I. Patel at the above-mentioned U..s. address.

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DK Burns Effigies Of Hindu Gods

Madras, Jan 5 (UNI): The effigies of Rama, Lakshmana and Sita, the Gods of millions of Hindus, were set on fire by Dravida Kazhagam (DK) President, Mrs. Maniamai Ramaswamy at the end of day-long Ravana Leela celebrations here.

About 5,000 hard-core party volunteers hurled abuses at the Gods as the effigies were consumed by the leaping flames. Crackers were burst and two partymen, dressed as "Ravana" and "Kumbhakarna" looked on triumphantly.

Mrs. Ramaswamy announced that her party was forced to resort to the effigy-burning because of the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi's obstinacy in declining to ban the Rama Leela celebrations in Delhi.

Later, Mrs. Ramaswami and thirteen others were taken into custody and released on bail.

According to the epic "Ramayana", Rama and his brother Lakshmana had killed the Sri Lanka King Rayana and his brother Kumbhakarna for abducting Sita, Rama's Wife.

The Delhi Ram Leela, a musical play held around Dusehra and Diwali festivals (when Ravana was defeated and Rama returned to his kingdom), depicts the sequences as described in the "Ramayana.

Ravana was a Tamil King, who was a highly learned man. The DK says Ravan is a God for the Tamils.

Meanwhile, opposers of the DK have retaliated by burning effigies of the late Periyar E.V. Ramaswami, founder leader of

Goenka Cleared Of Breach Of Privilege

New Delhi, Jan 10 (UNI): The Lok Sabha Speaker, G.S. Dhillon has ruled that there was no question of a breach of privilege of the house by Ram Nath Goenka, an independent member of the house and a leading industrialist, on the basis of a case pending against him in a Madras Court.

The question of privilege was raised by several Indian National Congress and pro-Moscow Communist Party of India members.

The Speaker said: "As I stated in my earlier ruling in the house on December 2, 1974, in order to constitute a breach of privilege or contempt of court, misconduct of a member should relate to the business of the house. In the present case, the conduct of Mr. Ram Nath Goenka does not relate to the business of the house."

Meanwhile, the Speaker upheld the substance of Mr. Goenka's charge against All India Radio in reporting what was not part of the proceedings of December 4, but condoned the lapse on the part of the official mass media with a warning that serious notice would be taken of repetition of such instances in future involving the Press and other media.

Giving his judgement on Mr. Goenka's motion of breach of privilege, the Speaker said as Mr. Goenka had himself extended benefit of the doubt to other news media for having reported developments in the House which had not formed part of the proceedings, he was extending this benefit also to the correspondent of the AIR and its news commentator since they were also placed in the same position in the press gallery as other press.

Indo - Bhutan Talks End

New Delhi, Jan 6 UNI India and Bhutan have agreed on a joint approach on all important matters affecting the security of the two countries and have reiterated their resolve for full and close coordination in all bilateral fields and international forums.

A joint press statement issued at the end of the Bhutan King, King Jigme Singye Wangchuck's four days of talks with Government of India leaders, said the King and the Indian Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi have expressed satisfaction over the existing arrangements between the two countries on matters of defence and security".

Our Mistake

It has been brought to our attention that a letter published in our issue dated November, 7, 1974 by Jagpal S. Tiwana in response to a letter by D.S. Deol, contained the following remarks:- "Could it be that the prospect of travelling abroad free - even in Pakistan - or styling onself 'Secretary General' was the real reason for the brandishing of the pseudo-patriotic slogan? Perhaps we can hardly expect an answer to that question".

Though, as stated in our masthead, we are not responsible for any views expressed by individual authors, we regret if these remarks have hurt Mr. Deol's feelings.

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What Is Wrong With Engineering Education?

By A.J. Singh

Prof. Nurul Hasan: Union Education Minister's remarks at Madras regarding the state of engineering education in India have some in handy for criticism at the hands of Govt. critics. Incidently, they also threw a good deal of light on the plight of unemployed engineers and their system of education in this country.

Prof. Nurul Hasan deplored the fact that there are only 18,000 candidates studying at the graduate level against 25,000 seats available in the engineering colleges in India. The figures do reveal an odd situation in the state of engineering education but the reasons for the same are not the availability of candidates to fill these vacant seats. In fact they are the net result of the regional pattern controlling the "demand and supply" of engineering personnel. Thus, it is not a case of seats going abogging with no takers; rather it reflects the imbalance that exists in as much as that there are many States in which the aspirants for engineering education are denied opportunities while in others the facilities outstrip the demand.

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Again there are many factors which operate in denying seats even when the candidates are available, the most notorious being the 'caste considerations' for admission, greater mobility of candidates to places where facilities exist and restricted admission dictated by "sons of soil" philosophy. After 27 years of independence all this may appear to be ridiculous still these practices go on unabated all over the country. While the Government critics have welcomed Prof. Hasan's point that the presence of 73,000 unemployed engineering graduates in the country reflects the somewhat erratic nature of manpower planning as well as a wider failure of the economy to perform during the last several years as planned, they do not agree with his suggestion that the panacea for the same lies in the provision of "job oriented courses" in technical colleges.

The Govt. critics point to the fact that when engineering education is already job oriented education how is it that it hasn't solved the problem of unemployment for those who have received it. Prof. Hasan's argument that "what matters is economic development rather than the re-orientation of education" is true but it is not understood as to how the vocational bias in education can create jobs although the fact that economic development alone can do so is not disputed. If the truth would have been otherwise, say the Govt. critics, jobs would have gone abogging with no suitably educationally equipped willing to take them. Even now this may be true in the case of some specialised services in India, but not so in general, especially in the field of engineering.

In the same vein the Govt. critics say that it is on thing to say that there has been bad man-power planning and economic stagnation as far as employment is concerned but it is illogical to think that the country should ignore the national objectives towards which all systems should be geared. Unfortunately this is what has been lacking so far, as most ofren the 'regional' and other extraneous considerations still dominate the field, although we continue to pay lip service to high sounding phrases embodying high ideals in theory but when it comes to practice we disply the old narrow approach based on out-moded ideas of 'slave India'.

As things are an indication of this imbalance in our manpower planning is reflected in the skewed situation that exists in the field of engineering education where there is a marked shortage of diploma holders in the employment market despite the overall underemployment of engineering graduates.

In the light of this the Govt. critics have summed up Prof. Hasan's current enthusiasm for "vocational studies" as nothing but an exercise in slogan raising meant to divert public attention (as a part of overall strategy of the ruling Congress) from the economic crisis facing the country and hence not to be taken seriously.

Is There Discrimination In Canada

By A. F. Ashtamudi

Racial discrimination in Canada: Asian Minorities.
by Kananur V. Chandra, 80pp., R & E Research Associates, San Francisco.

This is a Canada Council sponsored monograph that defails in a very succinct and scientific manner the form and extent of racial discrimination in the city of Montreal.

Dr. Chandra has used a random sampling technique and a three-pronged approach to survey and document the discriminatory aptitude among White Canadians towards immigrants from the Indian subcontinent.

The three approaches to this study are: 1. Personal questionnaire cum-interviews with immigrants from India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

2. Interviews with employers, landlords, labor unionists and others in order to locate the attitudes and problems of potential discriminators.

3. Field tests using immigrants and white Canadians (controls) as subjects to verify cases of discrimination in housing, employment, and other services.

The field tests are quite definitive. Here is ample evidence that rests on a bed of solid scientific support. There is discrimination of a most subtle and vicious kind that the immigrant has to face. The conclusions surely cannot come as a bolt from the blue for immigrants who have already gone through the processes of adjustment - maladjustment in Canadian society. It might come as a mild surprise to those who are contemplating immigration to Canada or North America. In the field tests, the author claims that specific instances of discrimination were checked by tests that were validated in 95% of the cases.

The personal abuses that some received have a marked impact, as is made clear in this study. Here are some quotes from the interviews. "When I went to the Manpower center to look for job opportunities, the woman counselor told me 'Why don't you go back to your country? or go somewhere else."

"I earned a doctoral degree from a well-known North American University, I have extensive publications in Canada. Since I am a colored person some students would get up in the class and ask: "what degree do you have? You must be making a lot of money here." Some of these experiences are very humiliating. They would never dare do this to a white professor even though he may be lousy. This happened to me in a prominent English university here".

My superior told me in front of everybody that if he becomes the Prime Minister of Canada, the first thing he would do is 'to ship all Indians and Pakistanis back to their countries".

The author also documents the case of some whites who deny charges of racial prejudice in Canada. The whites argue that colored immigrants have almost insurmountable cultural and psychological barriers to transcend before they can be acculturated into Canadian society. And furthermore, they claim that the Asian immigrants carry "chips on their shoulders" wherever they go. These claims are not sustained by even the flimsiest of evidence. What is actually documented in this report, with an overkill of evidence, is the hostility, injustice and humiliating experiences that immigrants have to undergo. Dr. Chandra writes "it could be that the whites allege the chip on the shoulder to the colored as a pretext to practice discrimination and prejudice".

Chapter four in this study is 'General attitudes and practices in the employment of colored people'. I wish I could put a copy of it into the hands of every Immigrant from India. It is quite revealing. The information gathered here is a result of team interviewing of 51 employers, 10 labor unionists, staff in 10 employment agencies and counsellors in 5 Manpower and immigration centers.

Some quotations from employers:

"They always want a big job. They say they have university degrees. If we say that there are no jobs available, then they attribute this to their color. They are too sensitive and do not understand that there aren't enough jobs to go around.

"They are after money.... they want only clerical jobs. They do not like to work with their hands."

"Sometimes we have to spend a lot of time in explaining things to them. They do not understand either the language or work standards. You have to tell them everything four or five times."

A most remarkable insight into the minds of employers is the theme of this section. And any immigrant would fare better if armed with this knowledge.

Discrimination at the hands of employers, landlords, and the hostility of the white people towards even the children of immigrants makes life very harsh and disappointing in Canada.

Many a time the immigrants were not even aware that they were discriminated against in jobs and housing unless someone who knows the real situation told them. The author makes the point that 'in the not too distant future, Indian immigrants would make up their own social class in Canadian society because the practice of discrimination fares them to form their own social groups or enclaves where they find belongingness and solace".

Even if enclave formation is a necessary step along the process of Canadianization, I find it difficult to accept that portion of the author's argument. I think the author is here drawing a parallel from studies of Indian immigrants in Britain. It could be valid up to a point. The experiences of Indian immigrants in North America is substantially different in kind and degree from their counterparts in Britain. There is a preponderance of professionals who migrate to North America. And this necessitates a spreading out over the entire land mass. True, there is some concentration in cities like Toronto, Vancouver, New York, and Montreal. But I don't think it is the sort of concentration that would eventually create an Indian version of Chinatown, or even the sort of pockets one finds in England in Leicester, Southall, Birmingham or Manchester.

Despite a few unsubstantiated conclusions, the major portion of Dr. Chandra's study is an excellent survey of discrimination as practised in Montreal. While the study has a local basis, its picture and conclusions are valid over the wider canvas of Canada and the United States.

U.A.E. To Supply More Crude

New Delhi, Jan 14 (UNI): The United Arab Emirates has agreed to supply "substantial" quantities of crude oil on "most favourable terms" to meet India's requirements on a long-term basis.

This was announced here by UAE Foreign Minister, Khalifa Al-Suwaidi at the end of the three-day wide-ranging talks between the two countries which resulted in the setting up of a Joint Economic Commission and signing of a cultural agreement.

Mr. Al-Suwaidi said "We discussed the impact of the energy crisis on the economy of India and in this context we agreed to supply crude oil to your country keeping in view your requirements for the coming year.

Place For Hindi In U.N. Urged

New Delhi Jan 6 UNI:
Hindi-loving Congress and Opposition members joined hands in the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament last week to press the Government of India to secure for the language a place in the United Nations.

India's Deputy External Affairs Minister, Bipin Pal Das said any addition to the list of official and working languages of the U.N. General Assembly would require an amendment of the rules of procedure, supported by a majority of the members present and voting. An attempt to get a new language accepted could be made only on the basis of an assessment of the possible success of such a move.

Mr. Das said that after years of lobbying, only one language, Arabic, which was spoken by nineteen countries, was given a place in U.N. last year, and added to the original list of five languages. He assured the house that the Government had taken note of the views expressed by members, and we would act accordingly.

Mr. Das pointed out that 39 countries had made provision for learning Hindi. Hindi was also taught in 93 foreign universities.

No Charge Against Travel Agents

The Government has not found any material on which criminal proceedings could be launched against four travel agents suspected by the United Kingdom High Commission to be involved in arranging illicit immigration into Britain.

The Home Minister, K. Brahmananda Reddy has told the Lok Sabha that inquiries made so far had not revealed any specific material for launching criminal proceedings against them. They were not in the approved list of travel agents, Mr. Reddy said.

Twice this year Mr. Reddy said, the High Commission had brought to the Government's notice information regarding three instances of attempted illegal immigration into Britain by Indian nationals. These immigrants had gone to some countries in Europe on valid passports in December 1973 and January 1974 and from there sought illegal entry into U.K. They were, however, apprehended and deported back to India.

'Multiculturalism is a permanent government policy'

The National Film Board participates in the Multicultural Program.

The National Film Board of Canada, instrumental in making Canada better known the world over, has always distributed its films in many languages to countries abroad.

The National Film Board inventory includes films on many ethno-cultural groups made in the course of regular production. Multi-media classroom materials on history, prepared for primary and secondary school students, often touch on the multicultural character of Canada.

More specifically, the National Film Board participates in the Multicultural Program in its production of new films, in the translation or "versioning" of films from English and French to other languages, and in their promotion and distribution.

RESEARCH

The nature of the National Film Board's Multicultural Program is a result of research done by the Library Services Division to evaluate interest in films scripted in other languages besides English and French. The objective of this research was to discover which ethno-cultural groups were interested in having films available in their ancestral languages, and what types of films would be most useful. Members of many different cultural groups participated in this study.

PROGRAMS

As a result of this research, the National Film Board is at present engaged in the production of new films and multi-media materials on the history, culture and life-styles of ethno-cultural groups in Canada.

In addition, the National Film Board has prepared 1500 prints of more than 100 different film titles selected as a result of the research project. These films can now be offered to Canadians in eighteen different languages. They are available free of charge.

We hope that these films, now available in various languages, will prove not only entertaining but educational and informative.

To get further information of films available and on loan conditions, interested groups or individuals should contact the nearest National Film Board office, or mail this coupon to:

National Film Board,
Multiculturalism Program,
P.O. Box 6100,
Montreal,
Quebec
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The question is not whether there should be sex education. It is at what age and in what manner. The west has solved this dilemma by trial and error. It does not treat sex education as "an isolated phenomenon." The chief criteria of teaching sex in schools is that it "must develop and strengthen pubils" sense of responsibility so that they neither sexually exploit nor damage their partners, mentally or physically.

But one is not sure that seeing a sex education film in a commercial cinema hall leads to a sense of responsibility -- especially going by the boos, catcalls, loud remarks and sighs one heard at a showing of **gupt gyan.**

Any film which reveals the "mysteries" of sex is a big draw with Indian audiences considered to be sex-starved. About two decades ago when **birth of a Baby**, a remarkably innocuous film, was shown in the capital, young and old flocked to it. So was the case, one presumes, in other places wherever **Birth of A Baby** was released in India. Now **Gupt Gyan** has set Juhu and the Juhu on fire. It is claimed to be "the first film on sex education. Partly it is a documentary and partly a feature with an incredible story line. Its contents "are full of classroom lectures, demonstrations, operation theatres, conferences, seminars and sessions of questions and answers," to quote a handout. The guidelines are informative on so many aspects of sex like functions and structure of productive organs, venereal diseases, conception, development and birth of a baby, and some sexual problems like frigidity, impotence, homosexuality, masturbation, etc. When the camera is focused on diseased genitals, it becomes a crude question-and-answer session with an American-trained sex specialist catering to salaciousness; some of the analogies drawn are pretty questionable -- maybe they are meant more to entertain than to elucidate. However, it cannot be denied that **Gupt Gyan** is a bold film at imparting sex knowledge. But only partly. It bristles with misinformation. The film-maker is proud to say that "some of the topmost medical experts have advice to execution." Were that so it would not falter on so many scientific facts by now well known and accepted all over the world. **Gupt Gyan** tells us for example that impotency is a psychological factor and nothing else, which only a psychiatrist can cure. Medical research has established that impotency is due to many causes, chief among them being diabetes, organic malfunction, physical disability and psychological reaction. The doctor trained in America tell us that VD has totally been abolished in the U.S., which is not a fact. Some of the commonly used words are misspelled by the medical professors in the film. Nitin Sethi lecturing on secual diseases spells gonorrhea as gonotrehea. The film may not justify the boast of the film maker that "all efforts of family planning would stand no parallel to this movie.

Cricket Tour Nets 14,000 Pounds

New Delhi, Jan 10 (UNI). The visit of the Indian cricket team to England, yielded a balance of 14,280 pounds to India, the Deputy Education Minister, Mr. Arvind Netham had told Parliament.

Asked about the foreign exchange involved in the visit, Mr. Netam said, the team received a sum of 39,000 pounds as guarantee money from the MCC. Of this amount, the Board of Control for Cricket in India was allowed to spend 25,000 pounds on account of boarding and lodging and other miscellaneous expenses during the team's stay in Britain. The balance of 14,280 pounds was to be repatriated by the team to India.

Akademi Award Winners Selected

New Delhi, Dec. 20 UNI: The General Council of the Sangeet Natak Adademi at a meeting here December 19 selected 14 eminent artistes for its 1974 Akademi awards in the fields of music, dance and drama, and three eminent persons for the fellowship of the Akademi.

The following are the details of the categories and the artistes selected against each:

Fellowships: Mrs. Kamaladevi Chattopadhyay, Mrs. M.S. Subbulakshmi and Mr. Jhan Prakash Ghogh.

Awards for music: Mr. Kumar Gandharva (Hindustani music-vocal), Nikhil Bannerji (Hindustani music-instrumental-sitar), M.D. Ramanathan (karnatak music-vocal), T.N. Krishnan Karnatak music-instrumental-violin).

Wards for dance: Kittappa Pillai Bharatya Natyam teacher), Gauri Shankar Kathak, Kalamandalam Raman Kutty Nair Kathakali), L. Ibemhaldevi Manipuri) and Bhagban Sahu folk dance of Orissa).

Awards for drama: S.D. Sundaram Play-writing-Tamil), Damu Kenkre direction), Tapas Sen stage technique, Pransukh Naik acting and Puna Ram folk

Sports

New T.T. Champ

Indore, Jan 6 (UNI): K. Jayant of Karnataka became the new national table tennis champion when he won the men SINGLES crown and the Pithapuram Cup in the 36th National Table Tennis Championships which concluded here.

In the finals, fourth seeded Jayant dethroned the reiguing national champion and second seed Manjit Dua of Delhi by three games to one.

Manjit Dua, however, partnering with men's top seed Niraj Bajaj of Maharashtra won the men's doubles title beating D.V. Lakhani and Subash Kulkarni (Maharashtra) in three straight games.

B.K. Arunkumar won his second title when he retained the boys singles crown defeating R. Hari of Tamil Nadu in the finals. On December 28, Arunkumar had won the boys' doubles in partnership with C.R. Ramesh Babu.

The Travancore Cup and the women's singles title was won by Shailja Salokhe of Maharashtra who beat Bengal's Indu Puri in

Pre-Olympic Hockey

New Delhi, Jan 7 UNI. India has been invited to participate in the Pre-Olympic Hockey Tournament in Montreal next August, according to Indian Olympic Association sources.

The Pre-olympic Tournament is being arranged there at the instance of the International Hockey Federation FIH to give the Olympic qualifiers a feel of the artificial turf for hockey fields prepared specially for the tournament.

Upper Hand in Cricket

MADRAS Jan 16 — India, bolstered by a 93run sixth wicket by Gundappa Vishwanath and Anshuman Gaekwad, gained the upper hand yesterday, on the third day of the fourth test against the West Indies. The hosts ended their second innings with a 254-run lead.

By stumps, the West Indies had reduced the lead by 38 runs for the loss of Roy Frederick's wicket.

But it appeared it would take a superb effort by the West Indians to overcome the fast Indian spin bowling and stave off a second consecutive test defeat, after winning the first two tests.

CALCUTTA, Jan. 2- India, crushed by overwhelming margins in the first two Tests, hit back with a vengeance to defeat West Indies by 85 runs in the third Test yesterday.

The last seven West Indian wickets went down for only 78 runs and the game was all over just before lunch on the fifth day when West Indies was all out for 224.

Spin bowlers Bishen Bedi and Chandrasekhar recaptured their old form as the tourists fell in rapid succession.

Basketball Meet

New Delhi, Jan 6 (UNI): Defending chainpions Services retained the men's basketball title narrowly derailing Railways 65-63 in a nail-bitting finish at the finals of the 25th National Basketball Championship here.

West Bangal emerged the new women's champions, outpointing last years runners-up Karnataka 72-61.

Maharashtra retained the boys title, trouncing Karnataka 95-69.

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Youth Menace To Vancouver Indians

By G. Bangs

Setty Pendakur East Indian incumbent alderman of Vancouver, British Columbia, attributed his recent defeat at the polls to racism. In all due respect to Pendakur, I cannot agree that racism was an element in the election.

He got 23,323 more votes than the lowest candidate and only 154 less votes than Bernice Gerard, well-known minister and Sunday hotliner, who ran for an opposing group. He also got roughly twice as many votes as did most NDP candidates.

Since the Team slate Pendakur represents also lost other seats on school board and parks board, he was not alone in the company of rejections. The electorate wants more protection from toughs and they faulted -rightly or wrongly- the previous regime for its soft policy to crime.

It's not a city of angels - and Vancouverites would be the first to admit this fact. But they have managed to retain integrity, ethics, and a value system seldom matched by other major cities in its racial harmony.

But Vancouver has more than its share of teenage thugs who vent their spleen upon anyone irrespective of his color, creed or religion. You see, no one is really safe on the streets or in the homes of this city while permissive laws protect wrongdoers. Pendakur failed to understand that so-called racists that assaulted East Indians are youths that do-gooders defend when they get into trouble with police as result of other crimes.

Racism, of course, is a mental condition. No firm statistics have been compiled about the mentally sick. But the figure is presumably high, if the reports of race riots of the world can be taken as a guide. It is likewise hard to known how many potentially homocidals are at large, but the ration of one to ten appears close to the truth.

No doubt, East Indians have valid reasons for protesting assaults upon members of their community and the damage to their property by young hoodlums that has occurred in Vancouver. Be assured that the majority of citizens of this city deplore violence against East Indians and they want more police protection for the whole populace.

A brief summary of recent event will help to illustrate the delicate interrelation of fears expressed by the East Indian COMMUNITY AND THE VIEWPOINTS OF Pendakur on the topic of racism. For most East Indians of South Vancouver, the day's work over, they watched television or played recordings from India, when their leisure was shattered by carloads of toughs who hurled rocks at houses. Some missiles fell harmlessly upon lawns, but the direct hits smashed windows.

East Indian students were attacked by neighborhood bullies. Parents of the victims complained bitterly to school authorities and also accused the news media of not publicizing what they considered a rising tide of racism and they faulted the police for not arresting the culprits.

In most instances, the police cannot crackdown on rowdies because civil rights groups coddle these modern versions of Hitler youth.

About four years ago, hoodlums in the Grandview area harassed a Jewish storekeeper on Commercial Drive and eventually forced him out of business. It would have been wrong for anyone to suggest that this incident reflected sentiments of the average citizen of Vancouver. I suggest that Pendakur demand changes in the law that immunize juveniles from condign punishment as a consequence of their assaults and vandalism in the community at large.

Recently, a gang of toughs set fire to one of its fellow travelers who is a member of the infamous Reilly Park gang. As it turned out the victim was white, but had he been colored, that attack might easily have been labeled racist.

Although riffraff succeed in stirring up racial violence elsewhere in the world they have up to this time at least failed in starting trouble here because the majority of us are wise to their tricks. It's as simple as that.

Nothing of course is perfect in this imperfect world and as a result brotherhood of man remains more or less stagnated in spite of the efforts of level-headed people simple because the lawgivers of the land refuse to punish young thugs that attack anyone within their rach on the streets and are no respecters of color, age or sex. Hoodlums and other mental cases certainly do not constitute the thinking and emotions of the average white citizen of B.C.

$1000 Million Spent On Food Grains

Calcutta, Jan. 14 (UNI): Imports of five million tonnes of foodgrains made so far from various countries had cost the Government of India 1000 million dollars, the Finance Minister, C. Subramaniam said here.

Mr. Subramaniam said the prices of commodities had fallen by three per cent in the last five to six weeks. "It will be possible to maintain the downward trend of the price as the prospects of the rabi (winter) crop is bright."

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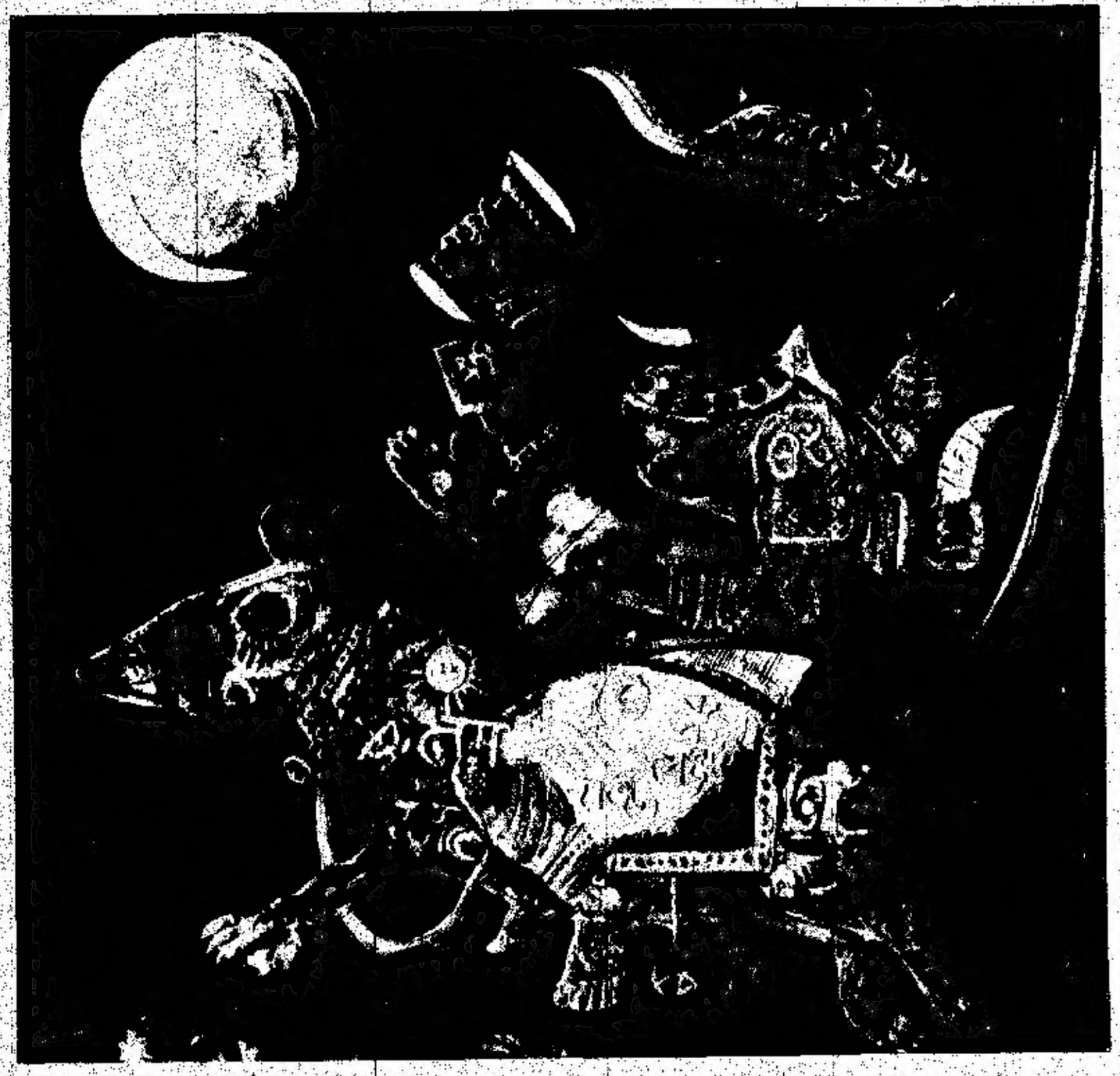

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Indian Artist Exhibits Paintings

By JAYA SUBRAMANIAM

Mr. Sadanand exhibited his creations in three media, oil, etchings and enamel at the National Library, Ottawa. The exhibition held under the auspices of the Indian High Commission attracted considerable attention from the public of Ottawa.

His work was notable for its variety, strength and some Originality. Apart from using three different media, the subject matter varied from the tender and pleasant "mother and child" or "Couple" to the grim "mourners". There was considerable originality in the use of the enamel medium.

Some of the paintings were powerful to the point of overwhelming. The Hinder funeral is such a subject with its trauma for all the participants, "the living corpses mourning for the dead corpse" as the Hindu philosophers describe it. Sadanand elicits all the inherent power of this subject in his "mourners". Compared to this, his morals to man's ik inhumanity look a little fame- and his picture of the dejected too much of a Picassoist.

A countryman of Vatsyayana is expected not to forget his lovers and couples and Sadanand does not. But there is no cheapness nor boredom in his interpretation. The Hindu idealization of two in one informs all of them.

The theme of a lost paradise is too universal to be given an Indian interpretation and indeed it is difficult to add any further meanings to this theme.

Mr. Sadanand is a young Indian artist born in Kerala and has exhibited widely. Like the majority of serious Indian artists, he has rejected anaemic resurrections of Ajanta romanticism or Jamini Roy's ruralist moral techniques to express himself in a Universal language. It is fortunate that he uses it to interpret mostly the experiences of life and death in India.

Canadian "Phoenicians" In India

Bombay, Jan 10 (UNI): Voyageing the Phoenicians" way, a four-member Canadian family comprising a couple and their two sons arrived here in a sailing boat after visiting 27 countries in Asia and Africa during the last two and a half years.

Dietrich Dombro, head of the family, claims the Phoenicians were the first to travel by sail boats along coastal waters for unlimited distances about 3000 years ago.

They started the voyage with the blessings from the President of Lebanon (in ancient times Phoenicia) and put the Lebanese flag on their nine-metre-long boat, Mr. Dombro told UNI.

Mr. Dombro plans to visit 28 more countries including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Burma and Malaysia before returning to Canada.

He is trying to establish that the Phoenicians reached America before Christopher Columbus, Mr. Dombro said.

Mauritius Call For Peace Zone

New Delhi, Jan. 14 (UNI): The Prime Ministers of India and Mauritius emphasised the imperative need for maintaining the Indian Ocean as a "zone of peace."

Speaking at a banquet here in honour of the visiting Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi said as inhabitants of the Indian Ocean neighbourhood, "we are both concerned at recent developments which have cast a shadow over this area."

Discovery To Boost Production

New Delhi, Jan 10 (UNI): With the country facing food shortage due to natural calamities, efforts are on all over India to find new ways of increasing agricultural production.

Scientists at the All India Coordinated Sorghum Improvement Project (AICSIP) in Hyderabad have evolved inter-cropping systems which they claim would provide "risk-cover" to farmers in the droughtprone areas of the country.

Coming Events

The ICA, Toronto (in cooperation with various other associations will be celebrating 25th anniversary of the Republic Day of India at Scarlet Heights Collegiate Institute, 15 Trehorne Dr. (near Royal York and Eglinton W) on Sunday January 26 at 7.30 p.

SPECTRUM '75, a performance by representing various cultural backgrounds assembled from different provinces will be presented at the Opera, National Arts Centre, Ottawa on Saturday, January 25, 75, at 8.30 p.m. A cast of 350 musicians, singers and dancers will be featured in this Canada Folklorique spectacle.

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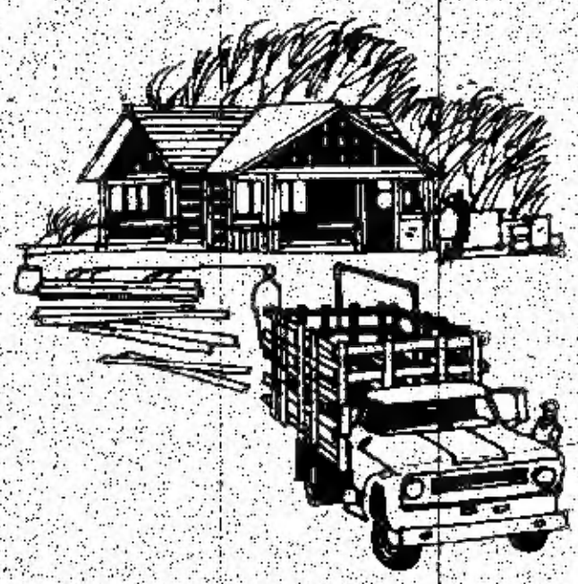

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Cultural Program Marks Indo-Canadian Agreement

In order to take recogniton of a new 3-year agreement between the Government of India and the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute signed in New Delhi on December 12, 1974, a number of social and cultural functions have been arranged in the Capital.

An exhibition of Indian miniature paintings, antique jewellery and embroidery was held for the occasion in the hall of the National Library from January 7 to 10, through the courtesy of Mrs. Sarla Sharma, Curator of the Indian Pavilion at Man and His World in Montreal. Books from the National Library on and from India were on display as part of this exhibition.

The Board of Directors of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute met on January 9 and 10 at the National Library in Ottawa. His Excellency U.S. Bajpai, the High Commissioner of India, hosted a reception for members of the Board, Canadian Government officials and other dignitaries on January 9 at the National Library.

The programme was rounded off by an evening of classical Indian dance by Anjali, on January 10 in the auditorium of National Library.

The Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute was formally established in 1968 by joint announcement of the Governments of India and Canada to enhance mutual understanding between our two countries. Named in honour of the late Prime Minister of India, Lal Bahadur Shastri, the Institute, with support of the Canadian and Indian governments, endeavours to educate Canadians to an awareness of the riches of India's past and the challenges of its developing present. In Canada, ten universities and the National Library of Canada are co-operating in the advancement of Indian studies through the allocation of junior and senior fellowships and language training grants, the acquisition of Indian publications for Canadian university libraries, and the operation of special educational projects for undergraduates and school teachers. Both the Canadian and Indian Governments contribute to the funding of this Institute.

The recent 3 year agreement concluded between the Government of India and the Institute provides for a grant of Rs. 3.6 million (C$.54 million) at the rate of Rs. 1.2 million (C$.18 million) per year from the "counterpart funds" account maintained by the Government of India by agreement with the Government of Canada under the latter's assistance programme. The grant will be used for promotion of academic and cultural exchanges

Dr. B. R. MacKay will be celebrating his 90th birthday on February 1, 1975.

Children Forsee Brighter India

New Delhi, Dec. 28 (UNI): Most high school students see a bright future for India.

This conclusion emerges from the essays submitted in an "On the spot essay writing competition organised by the Nehru Bal Sangh.

About seventy per cent of the 2,500 pupils from nine states who participated in the competition predicted a bright furture asserting that there is nothing that the collective will of people cannot receive training in Indian

Increase In India-Made Foreign Liquor

Mr. Arvind Netam said in recent years there was an increase in consumption of "Indian-made foreign liquor"

He attributed it to, among other things, the increase in population ineffectiveness of social sanctions against the drink habit, prosperity of big farmers and growth of the industrial complex.

Indo- U.S. Collaboration

New Delhi, Dec 30 UNI: Five foreign collaboration proposals involving United States capital participation to the extent of Rs. 10.9 million have been approved in the first half of the current financial year, the Minister of State for Industry, B.P. Maurya has told the Lok Sabha.

Anti - JP Movement

Bangalore, Jan 7 UNI. An Anti-Jayaprakash Narayan type movement committee was formed at a meeting of Youth Social Workers" here to work for the maintenance of peace and against any JP- type movement in Kar

Two Freedom Fighters Dead

New Delhi, Dec. 30 (UNI): The Sarvodaya leader and formal general secretary of the undivided Indian National Congress, Shankarrao Dattatraya Deo died in Poona early today. He was 80. Mr. Shankarrao Deo was a bachelor.

LIP Grant For Deccan Society

The Deccan Cultural Society of British Columbia has received L I P grant (local initiative program) which is being utilized to promote Indian Cultural activities by conducting classical music and dance classes.

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Less Than One Percent Pay Tax

New Delhi, Jan 6 (UNI) Only 0.63 percent of India's 550-million people paid income tax, according to a statement furnished by the Government of India in the Lok Sabha, lower house of Parliament.

The number of assesses 35,31,086 in 1973-1974, 33,88,259 in 1972-73 and 32,08,516 in 1971-72.

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BY PRANATI SENGUPTA

Not so long ago the Rambagh Palace was one of the Maharaja's residences and is now an excellent hotel, set in a beautiful garden and has a cool marble pool and a very lived-in atmosphere. The bar at the Rambagh Palace is filled with souvenirs. A few shops have found their way into one of the side corridors.

The dinning room is situated in the lower level of the hotel that would make you wonder wahere the maharaja and maharani entertained when they had fewer than three hundred guests. The place was for sophisticated dining, and naturally not inexpensive. But one could get lunch at reasonable price.

I have nothing but compliments for the staff of the restaurant where fine food was prepared and served according to tradition and could be enjoyed in quiet comfort. I could almost hear the rustle of silk, see the gleam of silver, and smell the polish. Although the cuisine reflected the classic Indian food patterns, wide ranges of western foods were also available. And there was a treat, a bonus - live music by a talented Sitarist.

An evening tea on the wide green terrace, enjoying the serene beauty of the palace and watching the lights and fountains around, is a pleasant and happy memory.

I would like to go back to Jaipur again for its pungent foods, gracious people and for the beautiful Rambagh Palace. This column and next I'll have some recipes from Jaipur.

Kachoombar.

2 tomatoes, coarsely chopped
1/3 cup finely chopped tender white onions (from green onion)
½ cup finely chopped raw green mango or finely chopped rhubarb (peeled)
2 tbsp. finely chopped cucumber (peeled & seeded)
2 green chilies, chopped
½ tbsp. finely chopped coriander leaves
1½ tsp. finely chopped fresh gingerroot
2 tbsp. fresh lemon juice. Salt & pepper

In a small crystal bowl, combine all the ingredients and mix them thoroughly. Cover with plastic wrap. Refrigerate for 1 hour or more before serving.

No New Taxes In Haryana

Chandigarh, Jan. 8 (UNI): The Haryana budget for 1975-76 shows an overall deficit of Rs. 169.9 million ($22.65 million).

Pinning his hopes on Government of India's assistance, state Finance Minister R.S.C. Mittal has not proposed any fresh taxes to meet the gap.

Opening with a deficit of Rs. 6,33,000 ($84,400), the revenue receipts are estimated at Rs. 1969 million ($262.53 million) and expenditure at Rs. 1813 million ($241.73 million).

Indian Policy Towards Garcia Unchanged

New Delhi, Jan 10 (UNI): India has neither toned down its attitude of opposition to the United States plan to expand base facilities in the Indian Ocean Island of Diego Garcia, nor is there any change in India's External Affairs Minister, Y.B. Chavan told the Rajya Sabha, upper house of Parliament.

OBE In Fiji Security Guard In B.C.

A Fijian by birth, a B.C. resident by choice, a security guard by occupation, and a member of the Order of the British Empire by merit.

That's Kuppsaami Naicker, 46, of 4894 Colbrook, Burnaby.

He came here three months ago and obtained landed immigrant status and a job as a Pinkerton's security guard.

On Wednesday, the governor-general of Fiji announced that Naicker would be made a member of the Order of the British Empire for his community work in Fiji.

Naicker was also active in sports such as field hockey, soccer and wrestling. For the previous seven years he was an executive of the Fijian boxing and wrestling association.

His awards include a gallantry medal for saving a [illegible] from drowning in 1947; long-service medal for scouting in 957; the Fijian Independence Medal for community work in 970; a certificate of honor awarded by the Queen in 1972; and a silver bowl awarded in 1973 by the Fijian governor-general for distinguished scouting service.

For the last 31 years, Naicker was an employee of the Fijian government, his last post being chief examiner of weights and measures.

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Award For Menon

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KRISHAN SAINI - of Toronto was married to RADHA - at Glasgow U.K.

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